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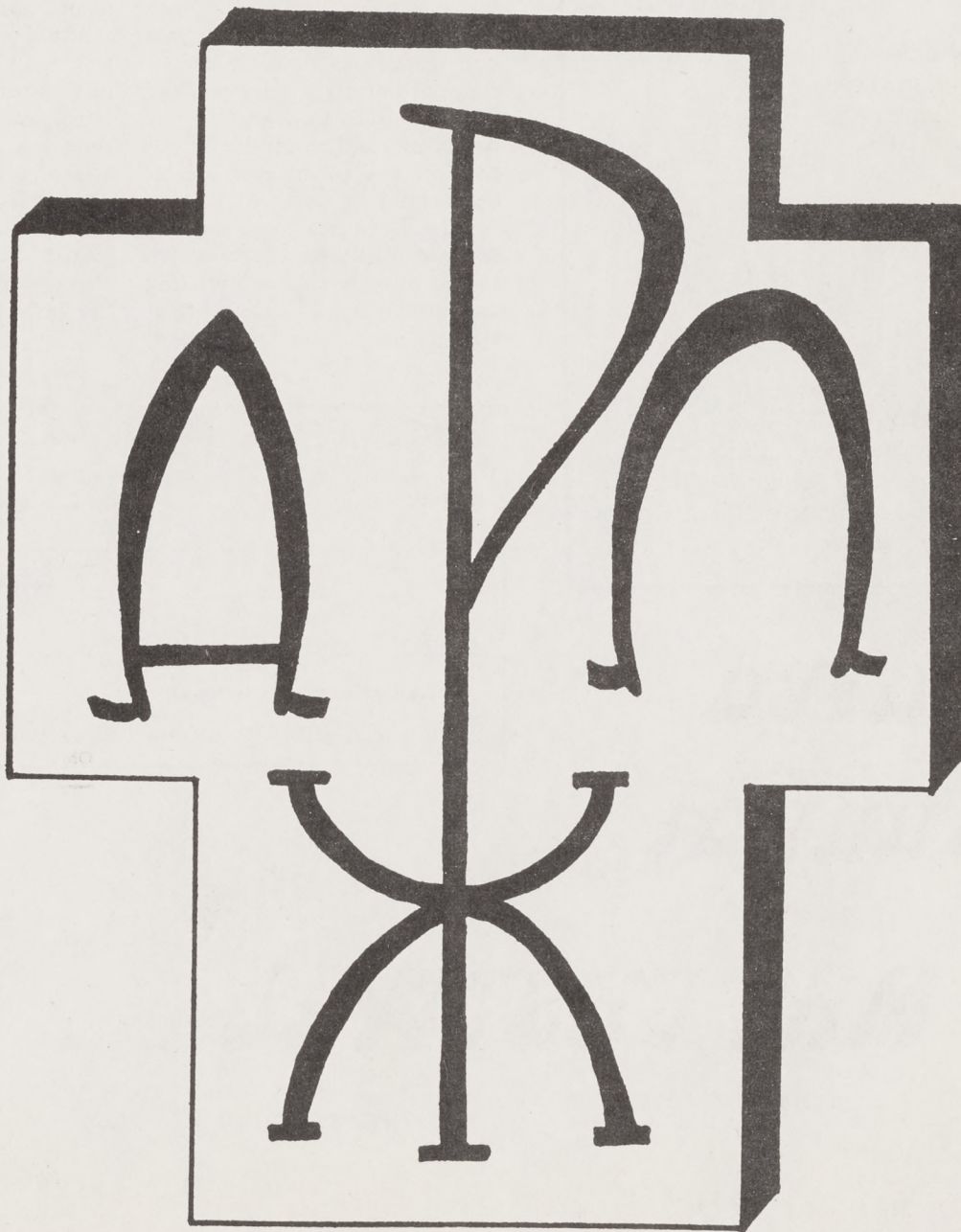
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DEVOTION AND EMOTION

WE ARE not expected to receive the Sacraments with great waves of emotion. Devotion is not the same thing as emotion. It is true that a happy frame of mind can help our devotion, but we must not confuse the "frosting with the cake". We often find ourselves tired and dull, or sad and depressed, or suffering from nerves and headaches: at such times, devotion is more difficult, but it is not impossible; in fact, at such times we can best prove our true devotion. True devotion, we must remember, does not consist of feelings that at times seem to lift us to some special cloud of our own; the essence of devotion is to be found in our dedication and surrender of self to God and in an ever greater conformity of our will to His.

The Lord may occasionally test and purify our devotion by asking us to reach out and cling to Him when we feel nothing at all. If we stand our ground,

give our attention to the Lord, and yield our wills to Him, our devotion is genuine and the Lord is close to us — although He may seem far away. The same is true when we are about to receive a sacrament and find ourselves listless, dull, or distracted: we must pay attention to what we are doing and sincerely will to surrender ourselves to the Lord.

The basic way to prepare for the worthy reception of a sacrament is to be sincere and ready to bring to the sacrament the disposition it requires. All sacraments require of the recipient faith in its fullest meaning of trustful commitment to God.

Sacraments are at the same time the acts of God and the acts of man. They derive their power from God, specifically from the God-Man, Jesus Christ, but that power has no effect without the human act of the person receiving it.

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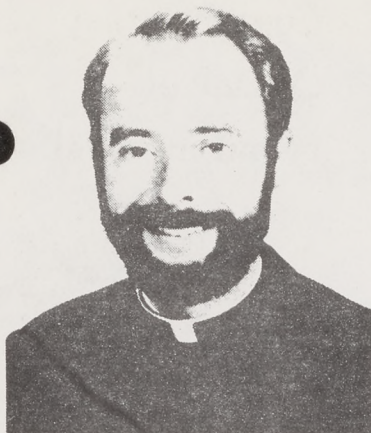
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REVEREND RODGER HARRISON

"A Church for all people - Bring your Brothers and your Sisters"

Christ Chapel

Sunday, April 11th was a particularly important day in our church history. Apart from being the first Easter Sunday which we could observe in the dignity of our new church home it was made even more memorable later that evening when the former Costa Mesa Mission was chartered as CHRIST CHAPEL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH.

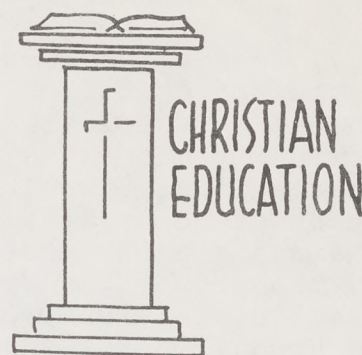
Present at the Chartering Services were three Directors from the Mother Church: Universal Fellowship Elder Troy Perry, Elder Richard Ploen, and Elder Louis Loynes. Board of Deacons Chairman William T. Thorne, Rev. Paul Van Heck, the Gospel Choir, and about forty active members from the Los Angeles congregation attended to share this special event with the Orange County congregation.

Rev. Perry preached a special Easter Sermon. Rev. Richard Ploen then read The Covenants of the Charter -- his voice has such rich and

mellow tones that it gave all the phrases special meaning for us. The newly formed Christ Chapel MCC Choir sang beautifully for us. This was their first presentation, but they had excellent harmony. Towards the close of the services the Gospel Choir sang, Marcie performing as the lead singer.

Pastor Rodger Harrison and his flock made us all feel welcomed. After the Service a reception was held outside. Punch, coffee and cake were served and we had a chance to introduce ourselves to our Brothers & Sisters. Orange County has a fine group of girls at their services -- possibly a larger percentage than L.A. We found Pastor Rodger Harrison to be an urbane and sophisticated world traveller who is a delight to converse with. His wisdom and gentle humor make his Sunday sermons all the more meaningful. Orange County and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches are indeed fortunate to be blessed with such a competent leader to pastor this important area.

Albert Correa



SPECIAL NOTICE

Sunday School will begin on May 2nd. These classes are for children from Kindergarten through Grade 6. Classes will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Seminary Room on the 2nd floor.

LOST

One hymnal, yellow cover, titled "Choice Gospel Hymns." Name inside front cover is CARL YORK SMITH.

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TUESDAY NOON PRIOR TO
PUBLISHED DATE.

A SMILE A DAY

The man who never makes a mistake must
get tired of doing nothing.

OUR GANG

Rev. Rodger Harrison, Pastor of Christ Chapel Metropolitan Community Church in Orange County, was the guest of honor at a champagne party hosted by members of the "Our Gang" Discussion Group on Friday, April 2nd at the home of Albert Correa and Donn Boerman. The group was treated to a "Guided Tour of Russia," an absorbing presentation of color slides taken by Rev. Harrison during his two-year residence in Moscow as Protestant Minister to the U. S. Diplomatic Corps. The slides were accompanied by Rev. Harrison's narrative and personal observations. Rodger Harrison is an intelligent and warm personality with a keen sense of humor. His equally charming companion, Hakan, was also present.

After the showing, Charles Eckhart, coordinator of the group, thanked Rev. Harrison for his interesting and informative presentation. Small sandwiches, biscuits and champagne were served and the guests were able to converse with Hakan and Rodger on a more informal basis. Board Members Howard Coburn and Don Hughes were present, along with approximately 35 busy and active "Metropolitans" -- most of whom are deeply involved in the many volunteer activities within the church.

Special thanks to Rev. Rick Hetz, Charlie

Eckhart and Frank and Larry ReQua, who loaned their stemware to make the party a success.

Rev. Harrison's Christ Chapel Metropolitan Community Church in Orange County was chartered and received into the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1971. It had previously been known as the Costa Mesa Mission. Our love and prayers go out to the fine group of enthusiastic Christians in Orange County. May their sphere of influence continue to spread far beyond mere County lines.



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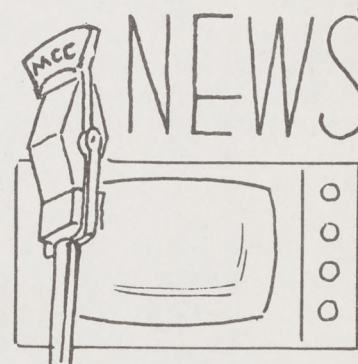
Cave Painting Of Daniel Found in Israel

Jerusalem

A cave painting of Daniel in the lions den dating from about the fifth century after Christ has been discovered on the walls of a Christian tomb in northern Israel, a spokesman for the government antiquities department said here yesterday.

This was the first time that such a cave painting of Daniel had been found in Israel, although they were quite common in the Christian catacombs in Rome, the spokesman said.

The small cave where it was found is also decorated with drawings of two palm branches, and a large wreath with a cross and the Greek letters alpha omega at the entrance, as well as pomegranates, fish, birds and reeds, he added. *Reuters*



YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Thanks to Spider and Quinn, as well as many others, our social hall is in shape to start our brunches. We are a long way from having the proper equipment, but we will make do with what we have.

To all parishes and church groups who give social functions throughout the year, I am asking for your cooperation. I have a social

calendar listing only the social functions within the church in our *News*, and I am asking for at least a 30-day notice in announcing your functions. Some functions (like a bake sale) do not need a long advertising period, but I feel the more notice given, the greater your success.

This week, rules as to the use of the social hall will be given to all the church groups. Each group using the social hall will be expected to keep the area in usable condition. Everyone's cooperation is expected.

Our Third Annual "May Festival" is going to be a lot of fun. We have planned a great show and dance.

We have signed *The San Francisco Ballet Company* to give a performance. They won't be doing "Swan Lake," but a show that is interesting and light. The dancers, from the S.F. Ballet Co., are the lead dancers, so expect to see a beautiful performance from them.

Charles Pierce has agreed to be our star performer for the evening. It should be quite interesting to see Charles Pierce and *The San Francisco Ballet Company* together!

Many people have asked what the Odyssey Club has to do with the May Festival. As you well know, we, as a group, have problems contracting for meeting places.

Our finer hotels, and halls, run in the opposite direction when I tell them we want to use their facilities. It had gotten to the point that we were going to have a May Festival and NO place to hold it.

The Odyssey Club consented to give us their night at "The Factory." They are not asking for a thing. The Odyssey Club has been quite helpful in assisting us in the planning of the May Festival. They have the experience in giving large functions, whereas MCC is just gaining that experience.

We retain 100% of all proceeds from the May Festival, and the Odyssey Club gets our thanks for coming to the aid of a sister (excuse the expression) organization. Thank you, Odyssey Club, for your help, and thank you for not asking for the sun in giving your assistance. You are helping to prove that gay organizations can work together for the betterment of our community.

If you are entering the King and Queen contest, the rules are quite simple. You are going to be judged on being a lady or gentleman, in the respective category. The contest is open to the ladies (real ones) in both categories, so enter. See me for rules, and entry blank. The contest will be quite interesting.

The band, or Orchestra, for this year's May Festival will play good dance music. No acid rock, some fast music, but you will be able to dance next to your date 80% of the time.

Our brunches begin in two weeks, so plan on staying after church. Join our congregation in fellowship. I will keep the price low, and the menu varied and interesting. Remember that our equipment is almost non-existent, so our first couple of brunches will be simple, but very, very good. Your support of the brunches will equip our kitchen and social hall.

Our church has never refused anyone at any of our social functions, because of a lack of funds. I will continue this policy. I am asking that those of you who feel (for this reason) that you cannot join us, see me. All you have to do is assist in some of the work. You won't be expected to work the whole function, but a half-hour of help will be greatly appreciated.

Bill Bennett



HARMONY:
MCC SACRAMENTO

Brothers and Sisters:

I want to take this opportunity to report a little on what progress we are making here in Sacramento. We've been having rap sessions each Tuesday and Thursday, talking one time with Assemblyman Willie Brown's Assistant, another time with one of the members of the Assembly, once with a crew from the Draft Help Center, one time with some former hustlers and then with a Drag entertainer. One evening we talked with some ex-cons (straight) about Homosexuality in Prison and other evenings on such subjects as bi-sexuality and Alcoholism. The last Tuesday of each month is now devoted to Inter-personal and Family Problems.

The week of April 18th will be a big one for Harmony MCC and for the Gay Community in Sacramento. That week will see a week-long Symposium on Homosexuality on the Sacramento State Campus. Rev. Perry will be speaking on Thursday, poet Ginsberg on Friday. MCC and Gay Lib are cooperating to sponsor a Gay Dance aboard the Delta King (on the Yolo side of the river, right next to the Capitol Avenue Bridge). All Northern Californians especially are invited to come up for the dance. Donations are only \$1.50; date, Fri-

day, April 23; time, from 8:30 p.m. on.

We hope that all California congregations will write to the Assemblymen and State Senators in their area to express the hope that they will come out to pay courtesy to the Moderator of our not inconsiderable denomination, reminding them that many of their constituents are members. Remember, there is a Reception honouring Rev. Troy D. Perry, Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, given by the Sacramento congregation on Thursday, April 22 in Memorial Hall, between 15th and 16th on J Street, Sacramento at 5:00 p.m.

At 7:30 that evening we will hold services so that members of our community can hear Rev. Perry personally. We are still searching for a church able to extend hospitality to a congregation like ours. The process has not been totally painless, but several congregations have, we feel, grown by having to look at the subject. We ask for your prayers.

Our Sunday services are traditionally at 5:00 Sunday evening at 2315 and 1/2 L Street, in Sacramento. Do visit with us.

Jos. H. Gilbert, Deacon
Interim Pastor

V.D. AWARENESS
PROCLAIMED FOR APRIL

Mayor Sam Yorty joins Governor Reagan and the California Legislature in proclaiming APRIL, Venereal Disease Awareness month.

The proclamation was formally presented to June Lockhart during Mayor Yorty's Press Conference April 7th at the Los Angeles City Hall.

Miss Lockhart accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Committee for the Eradication of Syphilis Inc., a Co-sponsor of the Second Annual V.D. Awareness month. She also is a member of the Venereal Disease Task Force recently established by the California Department of Public Health. She has supported the Committee for the Eradication of Syphilis Inc. as an honorary member and has given the Committee financial assistance since shortly after its inception over four years ago.

Miss Lockhart urges other celebrities in the Motion Picture and TV industries as well as all citizens to join the fight against V.D. by supporting the Committee for the Eradication of Syphilis Inc., and the second annual V.D. Awareness Month campaign activities.

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Be sure to —
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 19th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 24th	8:00 pm	PRAYER MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th		THE ACADEMY:
	9:30	"THE LIFE OF CHRIST"
	9:30	"ETHICAL PROBLEMS"
	10:15	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 27th)		VALLEY PARISH MEETING AT BOB BAKER'S,
TUESDAY, MAY 11th)	8:00 pm	5348 ALLOT AVENUE, VAN NUYS. PHONE
TUESDAY, MAY 25th)		789-2966 FOR DIRECTIONS.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

APRIL 24th	CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST COMMITTEE DINNER, IN THE SOCIAL HALL.
MAY 22nd	MAY FESTIVAL - 8:30 pm THE FACTORY 622 NO. LA PEER WEST HOLLYWOOD
	DONATIONS: \$5.00
JUNE	MCC VAUDEVILLE: PLACE TO BE CONFIRMED.
JULY	SEA CRUISE TO CATALINA: DATE TO BE SET.

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